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RE: Federal Register July 9, 2002 (Volume 67, Number 131, pages 45510-45512) for
Comments regarding NEPA submitted on or before August 23, 2002.

The Public-scooping process has been badly abused in the last eight years by Federal Agencies. We often do not have the actual time to get to the meetings let alone prepare. Sometimes it is the physical distance that causes the difficulty but most of ten it is a matter of not enough time to get the materials for discussion, disseminate information to concerned people and to think the document/action thru.

The shame you call '*public comment*' has been deliberately derailed. Public input by way of extremely short and inadequate time for us '*citizens*' to supply any reasonable comment clearly eliminates the citizen participation.

To further the sham there is inadequate notice of the scoping schemes. ("...Promulgating categorical exclusions, structure and documentation of environmental assessments and implementation practices..." Quoted from July 9, 2002 (Volume 67, Number 131, Notices page 45510-45512))

In addition to the short time frame scheme, are the improper siting locations for the public meetings. As was the case for the Endangered Fish: Delta Smelt, Red-legged Frog, Giant Garter Snake, Squawfish, pike minnow, razorback sucker, boney tail chub, and the Endangered Southern Willow Flycatcher, Grizzly Bear and some other threatened and endangered species which include their restoration projects such as the Wolf Restoration. These species have a direct impact to the local human populations. There is a total deliberate silence and disregard of the interests of all these peoples. The clear intent of these actions by these agencies is to limit public comment to only those who favor the agency (ies) action and now you want to make it worse.

Why don't you do something unusual: Follow the Clear Intent of the Law. U.S.C. 44, Chapter

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3506 (c) 2, Chapter 3507, NEPA Section 1500.1, NEPA 1501.7.

The greatest shame is the determination of need. There have been many programs foisted upon unsuspecting naturalist citizens creating the impression that the need is overwhelming. For instance, the four endangered fish (Squawfish, pike, razorback sucker and boney chub) which in years prior the U.S. Fish and Wildlife poisoned deliberately on account of their being classified as trash fish. (Review RIP-RAPP). These fish want to live in Mexico; they do not want to live here. To force them to live here under the terms and conditions of the RIP-RAPP is equivalent to building a tropical greenhouse at the North Pole to reestablish the Corals and other warm tropical animals to live in an artificial environment. The Canada lynx is another species these agencies have abused to further control the human environment.

Is this your living laboratory scheme? Are we looking at recovery for the 'wooly-mammoth' and the 'mastodon'? Are projects to re-establish large predators in America part of a long-term plan to offer 'safari' hunts after the USA is turned into a large Disney style playground for the extremely rich and bored?

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